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**Insurance and Real Estate Committee**

**Public Hearing**

**Thursday, March 7, 2019**

**Connecticut Association of Health Plans**

**Testimony on**

**HB 7260 AN ACT EXCLUDING BEER MANUFACTURERS, THEIR EMPLOYEES AND THE DEPENDENTS OF THEIR EMPLOYEES FROM VARIOUS PROVISIONS OF THE INSURANCE STATUTES CONCERNING SMALL EMPLOYER HEALTH INSURANCE COVERAGE**

The Connecticut Association of Health Plans is submitting testimony on HB 7260. The Connecticut Association of Health Plans represents the insurers in Connecticut: Aetna; Anthem Blue Cross and Blue Shield; Cigna; ConnectiCare; Harvard Pilgrim and United Healthcare.

The Connecticut Association appreciates the intent of this legislation; however, we would like to caution that removing a segment of the insured market could potentially have a negative impact on the remaining insureds that are left. In addition, it sets a precedent for other groups to seek a change in the statute to remove their group which would further erode the market.

We look forward to working with the Insurance Committee on this legislation.